

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 12 and 22 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An electronic component operable with an AC voltage, the electric component comprising:

at least one input;

at least one output; and

a pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components, wherein the functionally identical electronic sub-components are connected in parallel;

wherein the at least one input of the electronic component is connected to a respective input of the two functionally identical electronic sub-components;

wherein the at least one output of the electronic component is connected to a respective output of the two functionally identical electronic sub-components; and

wherein the electronic component is configured such that at the at least one output only one output signal of a first sub-component of the pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components can be picked up during a first half-wave of an AC voltage, whereas only one output signal of the second sub-component of the pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components can be picked up during a second half-wave of the AC voltage.

13. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 12 further comprising a plurality of pairs of functionally identical electronic sub-components.

14. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 12, wherein at least one pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components comprises one of logic-gates, inverters and flip-flops.

15. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 12, wherein the electronic component comprises a coil.

16. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 12 further comprising a voltage limiter, which limits the AC voltage lying across an electronic sub-component of the pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components.

17. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 12, wherein the electronic sub-components of a pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components comprises a switch.

18. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 12, wherein the electronic component is configured within an ID tag.

19. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 18, wherein the ID tag comprises a memory for storing information.

20. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 18, wherein the ID tag comprises an encoder for coding information.

21. (Previously Presented) The electronic component of claim 20, wherein the encoder is configured such that it can be used for time-coding and pulse-coding.

22. (Currently Amended) An electronic arrangement comprising:

a read device;

an ID tag with an electric component comprising:

a first sub-component with an input and an output;

a second sub-component with an input and an output, wherein the first and the

second sub-component are connected in parallel;

an AC signal received by the inputs of the first and second sub-components, the AC signal having a first half-wave and a second half-wave;

means for providing an output from only the first sub-component during the first half-wave; and

means for providing an output from only the second sub-component during the second half-wave;

wherein the ID tage and read device are configured to communicate with each other without contact.

23. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 22, wherein the first and second sub-components are functionally substantially similar.

24. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 23, wherein the electronic component further comprises a plurality of pairs of functionally identical electronic sub-components.

25. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 23, wherein at least one pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components comprises one of logic-gates, inverters and flip-flops.

26. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 23, wherein the electronic component comprises a coil.

27. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 23, wherein the electronic component further comprises a voltage limiter, which limits the AC voltage lying across an electronic sub-component of the pair of functionally identical electronic sub-components.

28. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 23, wherein the electronic

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sub-component comprises a switch.

29. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 23, wherein the ID tag comprises a memory for storing information.

30. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 29, wherein the ID tag comprises an encoder for coding information.

31. (Previously Presented) The electronic arrangement of claim 30, wherein the encoder is configured such that it can be used for time-coding and pulse-coding.